Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

Please read the Federal Advisory Committee Membership Balance Plan Guidance prior to completing this form

(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME

State the legal name of the FAC

President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

(2) AUTHORITY

Identify the authority for establishing the FAC

The Council was initially established in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13498, reestablished by Executive Orders (EO) 13569, extended by EO 13640, and continued by EO 13652 and EO 13708.

(3) MISSION/FUNCTION

Describe the mission/function of the FAC

The President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships brings together leaders and experts in fields related to the work of faith-based and neighborhood organizations in order to make recommendations to government on how to improve partnerships. Each Council serves a one year term. The Council is charged with:

- Identify best practices and successful modes of delivering social services;
- Evaluate the need for improvements in the implementation and coordination of public policies relating to faith-based and neighborhood organizations; and
- Making recommendations to the President and the Administration on changes in policies, programs, and practices.

(4) POINTS OF VIEW

Based on understanding the purpose of the FAC,

- (a) describe the process that will be used to ensure the committee is balanced, and identify the categories (e.g. individual expertise or represented interests) from which candidates will be considered;
- (b) consider indentifying an anticipated relative distribution of candidates across the categories; and
- (c) explain how a determination was made to appoint any individuals as Special Government Employees or Representative members

The Council will be comprised of not more than 25 religious and community leaders, who will be appointed by the President as Special Government Employees to achieve a balance representation of the viewpoints. Members will be chosen due to their background and expertise in working with faith-based and secular non-profits that promote the public good. The Council will be balanced by choosing members that come from diverse religious backgrounds and perspectives, including members that represent secular organizations, as well as diversity of political opinions and racial and gender diversity.

(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS

List any other factors your agency identifies as important in achieving a balanced FAC

It is important that the Council members represent diversity in terms of political opinions, religious, gender and racial diversity.

Summarize the process intended to be used to identify candidates for the FAC, key resources expected to be tapped to identify candidates and the key persons (by position, not name) who will evaluate FAC balance. The summary should:

(a) describe the process

(b) identify the agency key staff involved (by position, not name)

(c) briefly describe how FAC vacancies, if any, will be handled by the agency, and

(d) state the membership term limit of FAC members, if applicable

The Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will work with the HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships to identify candidates based on their knowledge and partnerships. These members will then be approved by the President and vetted by Presidential Personnel. The Council will be comprised of not more than 25 religious and community leaders, who will be appointed by the President as Special Government Employees to achieve a balance representation of the viewpoints. Members of the Council shall serve for terms of 1 year, and may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until the President appoints a successor. Members shall be eligible for reappointment and serve at the pleasure of the President during their terms. In accordance with the EO 13498, the President shall designate a member of the Council to serve as Chair for a term of 1 year at the pleasure of the President. The Chair may continue to serve after the expiration of the Chair's term and shall be eligible for re-designation by the President.

(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE

Subcommittees subject to FACA* should either state that the process for determining FAC member balance on subcommittees is the same as the process for the parent FAC, or describe how it is different *This is relevant to those agencies that require their subcommittees to follow all FACA requirements.

Subcommittees will be balanced based on the same criteria in (4).

(8) OTHER

Provide any additional information that supports the balance of the FAC

N/A

(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED

Insert the actual date the Membership Balance Plan was initially prepared, along with the date(s) the Plan is updated

March 29, 2017